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Dear Senator Inouye:

In response to your question ^{yesterday} ~~this morning~~ as to the number of naval officers on my staff at the CIA, I am happy to provide you a detailed accounting.

As I stated in my testimony before your committee on 22 February, I planned to, and did bring four naval officers with me to the CIA from my last naval assignment. One of these is an executive assistant who processes paperwork; one, an aide who handles protocol, travel arrangements and official accounts; and a third, a speech writer and special projects man. The fourth officer has not proven necessary and will depart for a new naval assignment this month. Hence, I now have a total of three naval officers working for me directly.

You might be interested in knowing that I also have in my immediate office two administrative assistants and a special assistant for schedules from the civilian component of the CIA, for a total of six; half of whom are naval officers.

Beyond this, there has always been a group of active duty military officers from each of the Armed Services on rotational assignment to the CIA, the IC Staff and the National Intelligence Office Staff. I discovered that six such officers would be rotating to other duties this spring or summer. I asked the Navy to replace them with six individuals whom I considered particularly well qualified for such assignment. Four of these six officers are here now; two more will arrive in July. None of the six will report to me or be assigned to my immediate office. They will all be assigned to duties such as are normally performed by military officers on assignment to the CIA, the Intelligence Community Staff, and the National Intelligence Office Staff.

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Finally, I have a son who is a Lieutenant in the Navy. Several years ago he opted to become a specialist in naval intelligence. He has been serving with Navy Intelligence here in Washington, but recently received orders to a new assignment in California. He had four months available between assignments; with some sense of Father's pleasure, I asked to have him sent to the CIA on temporary duty for those four months. He is not on my staff or in my office, but in a regular desk job within the organization. There was no cost to the government in his transfer to this temporary assignment. He will leave in August.

Let me assure you that there is not, as has been mis-reported in the press, any "wall" of naval officers between me and the personnel of the CIA. I do, perhaps, see less of mid-level CIA personnel than have some of my predecessors. I am devoting special attention to my statutory responsibilities to manage the entire Intelligence Community. It has been my sense that this would meet with the approval of the majority of your committee. At the same time, I hasten to add that senior management level personnel at the CIA have ample opportunity to see me and do. I am confident that the management procedures I have instituted are entirely appropriate to an organization of this size and type.

To be certain that I am absolutely complete, let me add that I have also hired a civilian who is a retired naval officer. He handles public affairs. I believe that this new and outside look at the public relations of the CIA has been of great benefit already.

I do appreciate your interest and will be most pleased to meet with you or any other member of Congress to discuss this or any other issue concerning the CIA.

Yours,

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